

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 03-02-27**

Date Published: February 20, 2003  
For Work Week Commencing: February 24, 2003  
Business Meeting: February 27, 2003, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2002.7.87 – Qwest – Application for Wholesale Prices for Network Elements. (2/27/03)
2. D2001.11.147 – Mid-Rivers – Musselshell-Billings EAS. (2/27/03)
3. D2002.12.156, D2001.2.18, D2000.8.139, D2002.1.6, D2003.1.5, D2002.7.84, D2001.7.87, D2003.1.10, D2001.6.80, D2002.9.108, and D99.3.68 – Qwest and: Montana Wireless, Emergent, Arch Paging, Sprint Communications, VP Telecom, ICG, NOS Communications, Joseph B. McNeal, Preferred Carrier Services, New Edge Networks, and DIECA Communications – Discuss/Present terms to Commission. (2/27/03)
4. PSC/MCC Taxes/Fees. (2/27/03)
5. Legislative/Budget. (2/27/03)

**Other Meetings**

**2/24/03 – 9:00 am Legislative Budget**

**2/25/03 – 9:00 am Legislative Budget**

**2/26/03 – 9:00 am Legislative Budget**

**2/28/03 – 9:00 am Legislative Budget**

**3/3/03 – 9:00 am Legislative Budget**

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

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**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 03-03-04**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2003.2.21 – NorthWestern Energy – Exclusive Service Territory Agreement between Vigilante Electric Cooperative and NorthWestern Energy

D2003.2.22 – Qwest – PSC Investigation into Qwest's Rate of Return

D2003.2.23 – 3 Rivers Telephone – Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Shelby, Montana, Exchange